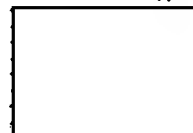


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Personnel Present: Mr Bissell      Mr Cunningham      Mr Reber  
Col Burke



1. [redacted] = [redacted] announced that one weather flight round trip from [redacted] had been completed and that a second would be accomplished on the return ferry to Adana. A combination of circumstances had prevented the staging party from moving out of [redacted] on schedule.

2. USE OF [redacted] BY OTR - As a result of a meeting with various officials of OTR, the latter had decided not to consider the use of [redacted] for a training project, because tenancy would be too uncertain, and a better facility for their purpose is available.

3. TEST STATUS BOARD - Several tests of long standing had been completed and removed from the board.

[redacted] announced that the summary paper on the zoom climb tests would be finished by the middle of the week of 29 Dec. Mr. Bissell said that one conclusion that could be drawn from the zoom climb tests was the great importance of any and all intelligence on Soviet air to air missile capability. [redacted] was requested to follow this subject very closely and continuously.

The dual oxygen system has been installed in U-2 #391 and is being accepted by FOG. [redacted] of IAC expects to have a light weight mod for installation in our U-2's available within two weeks.

4. [redacted] announced that considerable progress had been made in a meeting last week on the [redacted] device, now designated [redacted] and that a meeting on 30 December should result in final agreement on specifications.

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25X1A 5. [ ] - Mr. Bissell discussed at some length the task force concept which will be employed in Project [ ] if it develops into a full-blown operation. The task force will be under the operational direction of the Western Hemisphere Division. Mr. Bissell noted that any such operation was going to be necessarily less orderly than the methods to which we are accustomed. He did note that the use of DPS as a cadre for this and similar operations had been better received in the Agency than he would have expected. 25X1A

An early order of business must be the setting up of the [ ] Headquarters personnel under the same roof - the fifth floor of 1717 H Street. 25X1

25X1A 6. DELEGATIONS OF PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACTING AUTHORITY - Mr. Bissell commented that the papers on this subject that had been prepared by [ ] needed some reworking. Mr. Bissell said he thought that in the past money commitments had occasionally become separated from decisions and that much larger invoices arrived than originally expected. Partially this has been a result of the business methods of various contractors, but beyond this he thought the situation could be improved by some sort of rectangular chart, along one edge of which would be listed all projects and along the other all program or committing documents. [ ] was requested to give this approach his consideration and come up with recommendations. 25X1A

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25X1A 7. MERGER DOCUMENTS - Mr. Bissell said that he thought the three major merger documents (the summary memo, the operational concept and the logistics annex) all needed some refinements in language. There was considerable discussion of the logistic portion merger with emphasis on the requisition channels to be utilized, the place of [ ] in any revised logistic system, and the necessity for some sort of revision of the Tab 6 procedures. In connection with the latter point, Mr. Bissell wanted it made clear with the Air Force that the Agency will pay its own way; the argument with Tab 6 is not over the idea of reimbursement for services received but rather over the tremendous complexities of the present Tab 6 procedure.

25X1 Mr. Bissell wanted the operational concept paper and the covering memorandum clarified as to those functions which would be Hqs directed and those which would not; and the relationships between DPS, the area division, CIA Air/Field Detachments and [ ] should be clear and agreed upon.

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Other discussions in the same subject field concerned the possibility of returning some CORONA contracting to the Office of Logistics and the possibility of reducing the amount of paper work flowing into the DPS Controller's Office. [ ] and Mr. Cunningham respectively were requested to make recommendations on these latter two points.

ACTION: [ ] and Cunningham



APPROVED: [ ]



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